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Hi Beverly: It was great to talk with you about the Operations Offices, and how the Ops Office Directors can work with you/ORC. It is exciting to have you join R10, and lead such an amazing group of attorneys.

As I'm now only 2-weeks out from my retirement from EPA, I wanted to inform/invite you to join the ET Mining Subgroup. This Subgroup is comprised of the Directors from ECAD, WD, RAD, AOO, and IOO. We usually convene every quarter, for about an hour long meeting. The purpose is primarily information sharing, but it also is a mechanism for making sure that Patty and the Mining Team have the resources they need to conduct priority work.

Since the IOO Director is the Executive Sponsor for the Mining Sector, I work closely with (and supervise) Patty McGrath, Mining Advisor, to convene quarterly meetings of the Subgroup. Patty also puts together an updated summary document (attached), which is very useful for tracking the status and progress of Region 10's mining work. I'm cc'ing Patty on this note too, in the event that you haven't interacted with her. Patty has very good working relationships with senior management, and also with staff across our programs who work on mining projects. Virtual introductions are the way of the world these days!

After I depart, there will be a gap while a new IOO Director is recruited. I've asked Andrew Baca to be ET Mining Subgroup lead in the interim period before a new IOO Director is on-board. He has agreed, and that is great news.

I've attached the ET Subgroup Charter, for additional background. If you have any questions at all, please contact me. Thank you! Jim

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